

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 16 are pending in the Patent Application.

Claims 9 – 15 are allowed.

Claims 1 – 8 and 16 are rejected.

Applicants appreciate Examiner's allowance of Claims 9 – 15.

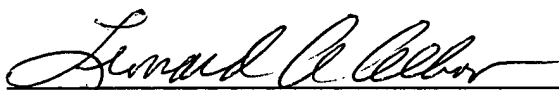
Applicants have canceled rejected Claims 1 – 8 by this Amendment.

Consequently, only the allowable claims are pending in the Patent Application.

Therefore, applicants request that the case pass to issue.

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